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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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To find your local NWS forecast office, go to [www.weather.gov/srh](http://www.weather.gov/srh).

## Tuesday

- Critical to **Extremely Critical** Fire Weather Conditions across NM into W TX and W OK
  - Wildfire outbreak likely for the TX/OK Panhandles into NW OK with a Moderate-High threat for outbreak in E NM into W TX/OK

## Wednesday

- Fire Weather Conditions improve with only a small area of Critical Fire Weather Conditions over NW OK and Elevated Conditions over OK into NW and W TX

## Thursday

- Critical Fire Weather Conditions possible over Western and Central NM
- Marginal Risk of strong to severe storms across SE NM into Far W TX

## Friday

- Much needed rain is forecast over drought stricken areas of NE NM, W TX, and W OK!
- Severe storms possible for SE NM into TX Big Bend
- Critical Fire Weather Conditions over Southern into East-Central NM and Far West TX

## Saturday

- Severe storms possible for SW into Central TX

## River Flood Status

- River points across SE TX, LA and southern/eastern AR remain in minor flood stage this week

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

April 17, 2018 – April 21, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms			SE NM into Far W TX	SE NM into TX Big Bend	SW into Central TX
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	NM, WTX, W OK	NW OK OK into NW & WTX	Western/Central NM	Southern/East-Central NM Far West TX	
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	SE TX, LA, S&E AR				

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

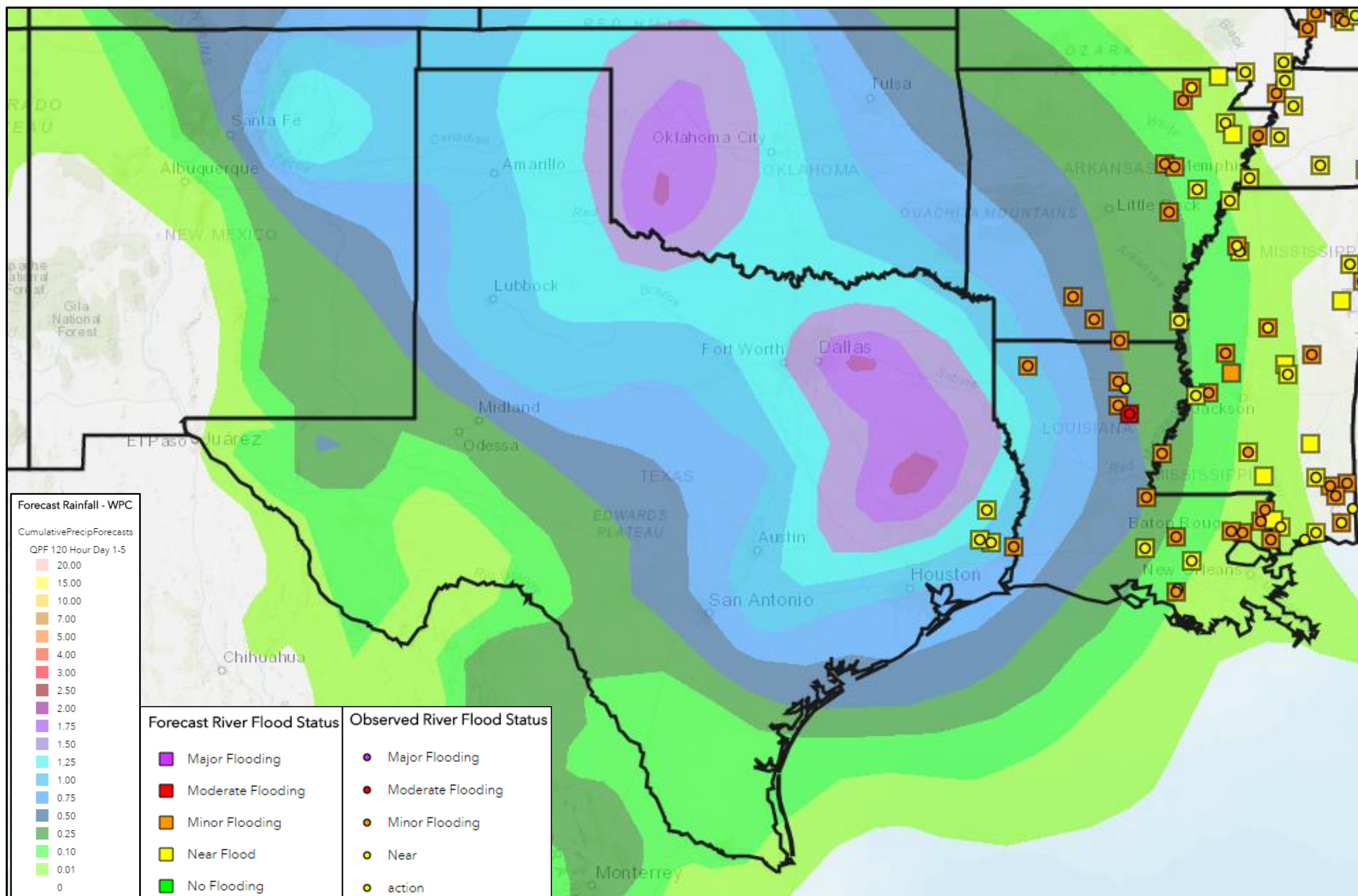


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*



**River points across SE TX into LA and southern/eastern AR remain in minor flood stage this week.**

**Much needed rain is forecast on Friday over drought stricken areas of NE NM, W TX, and W OK!**

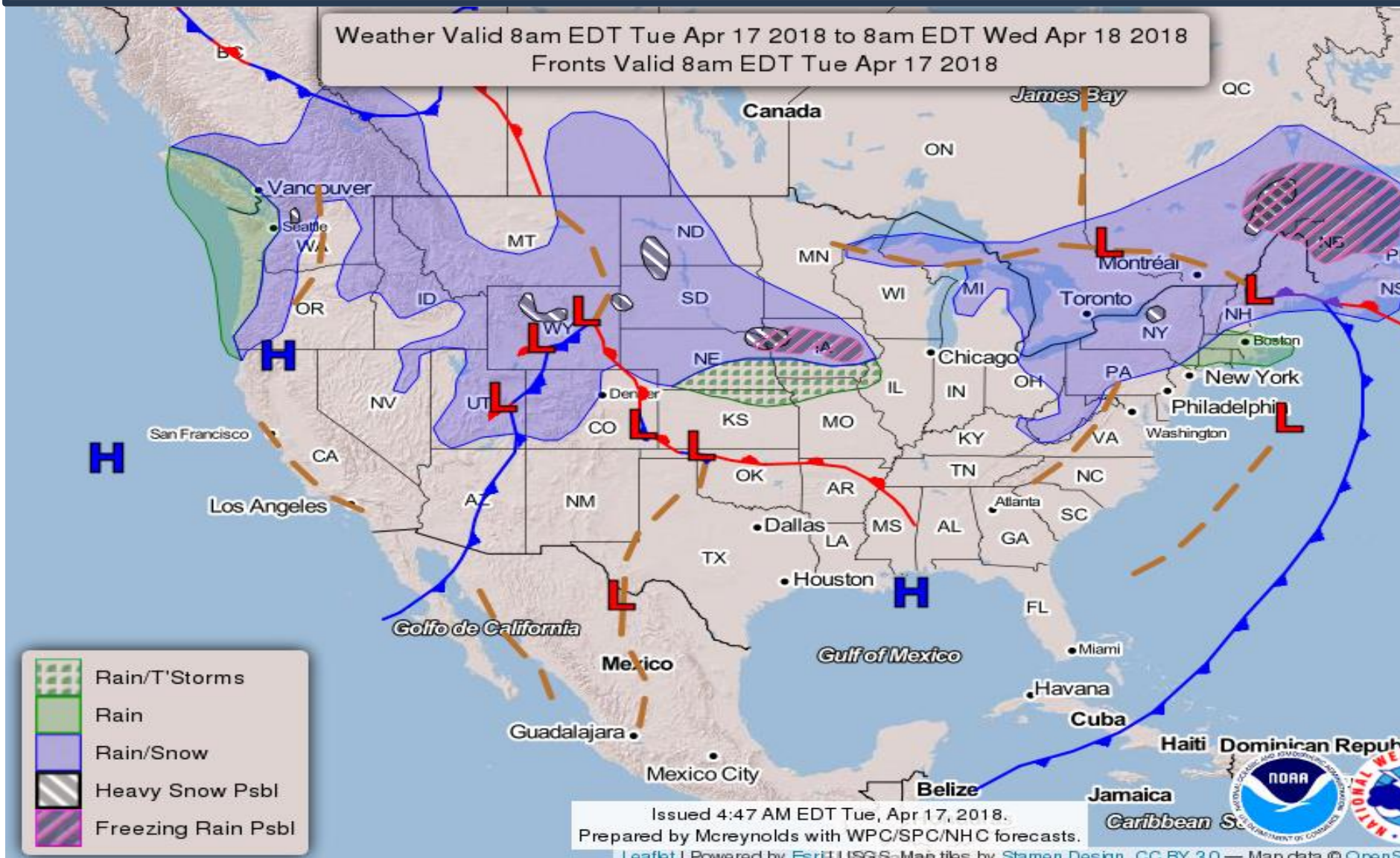


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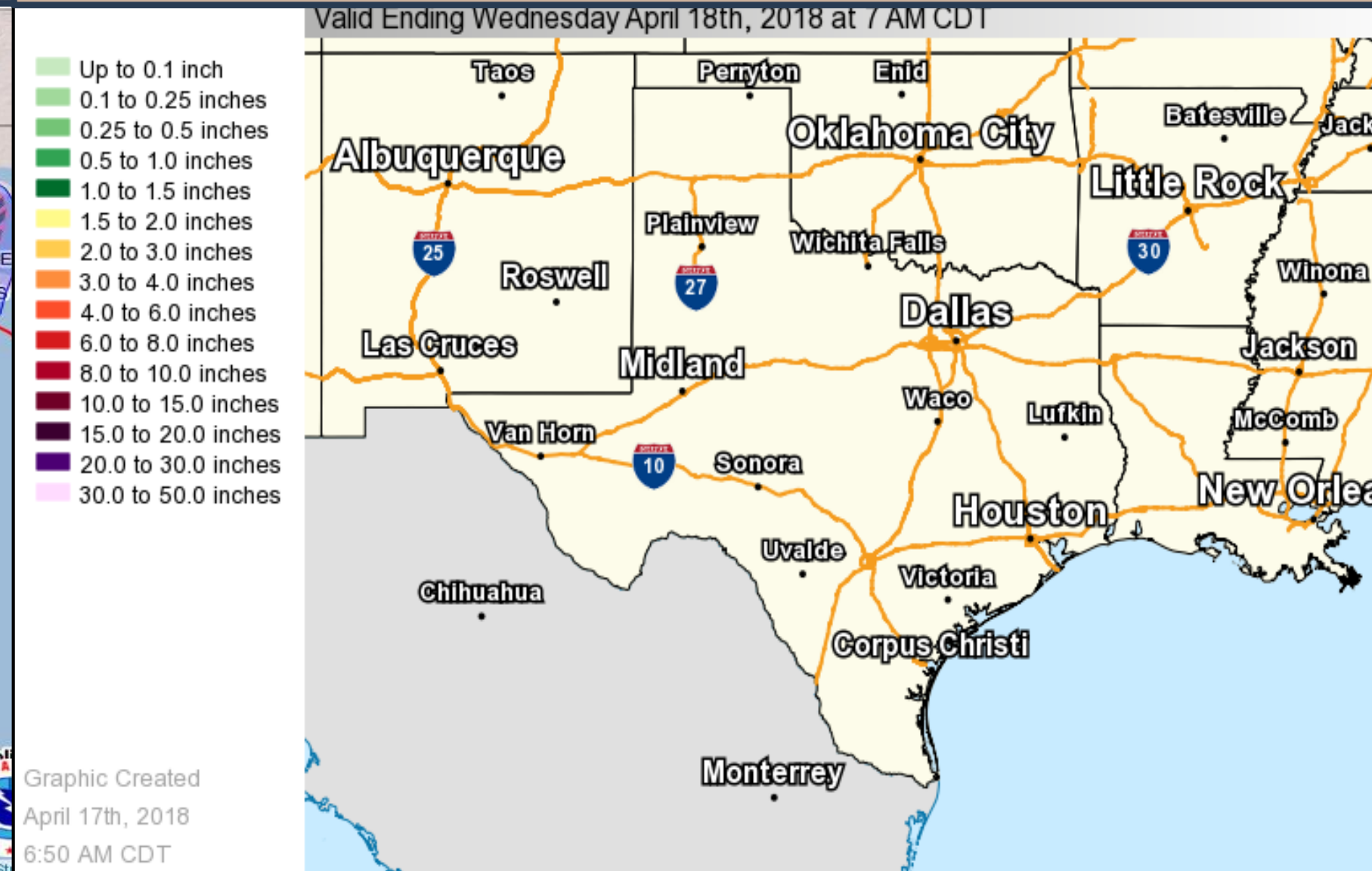


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## Forecast Chart

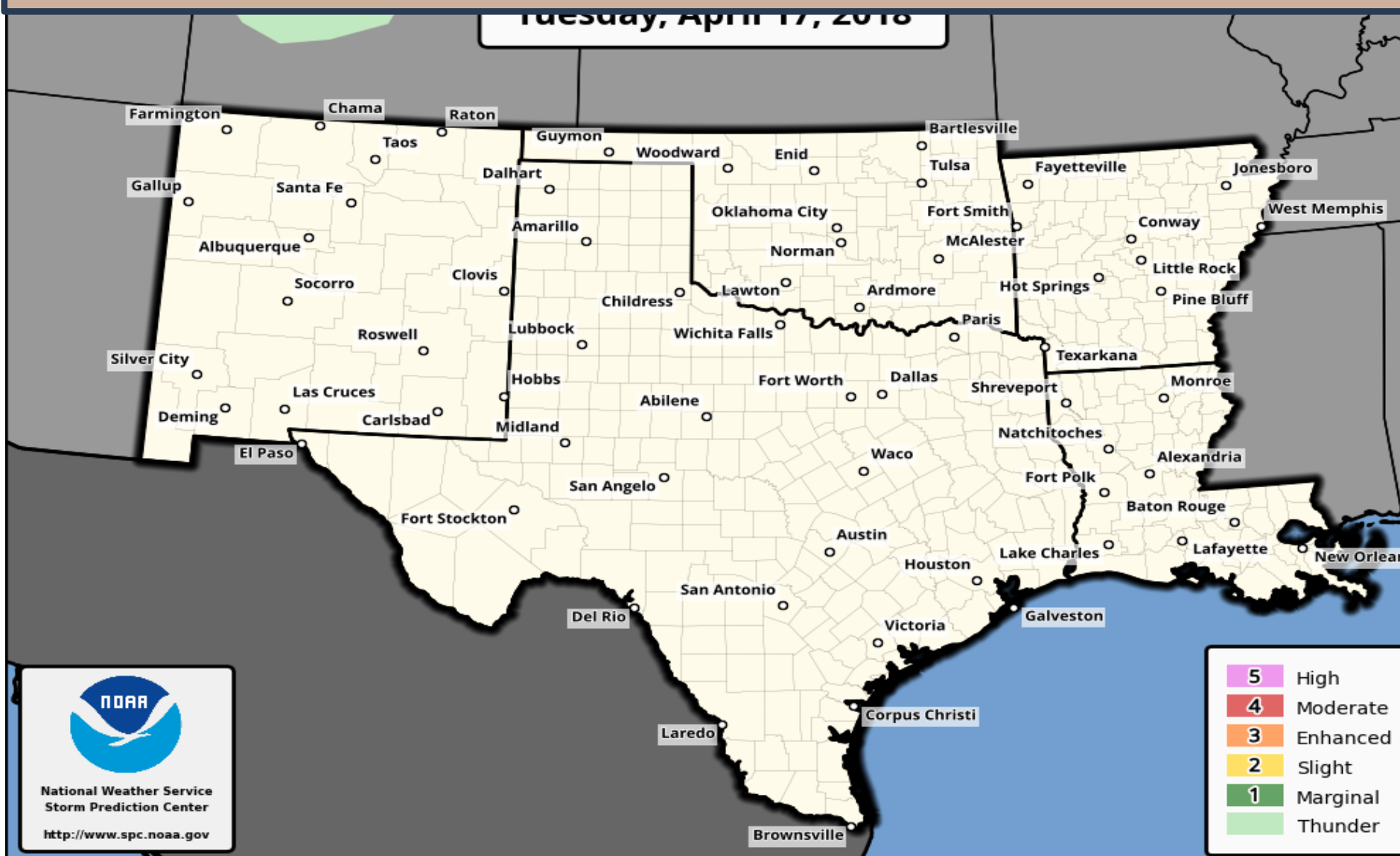


## Forecast Rainfall



No Significant Weather  
expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

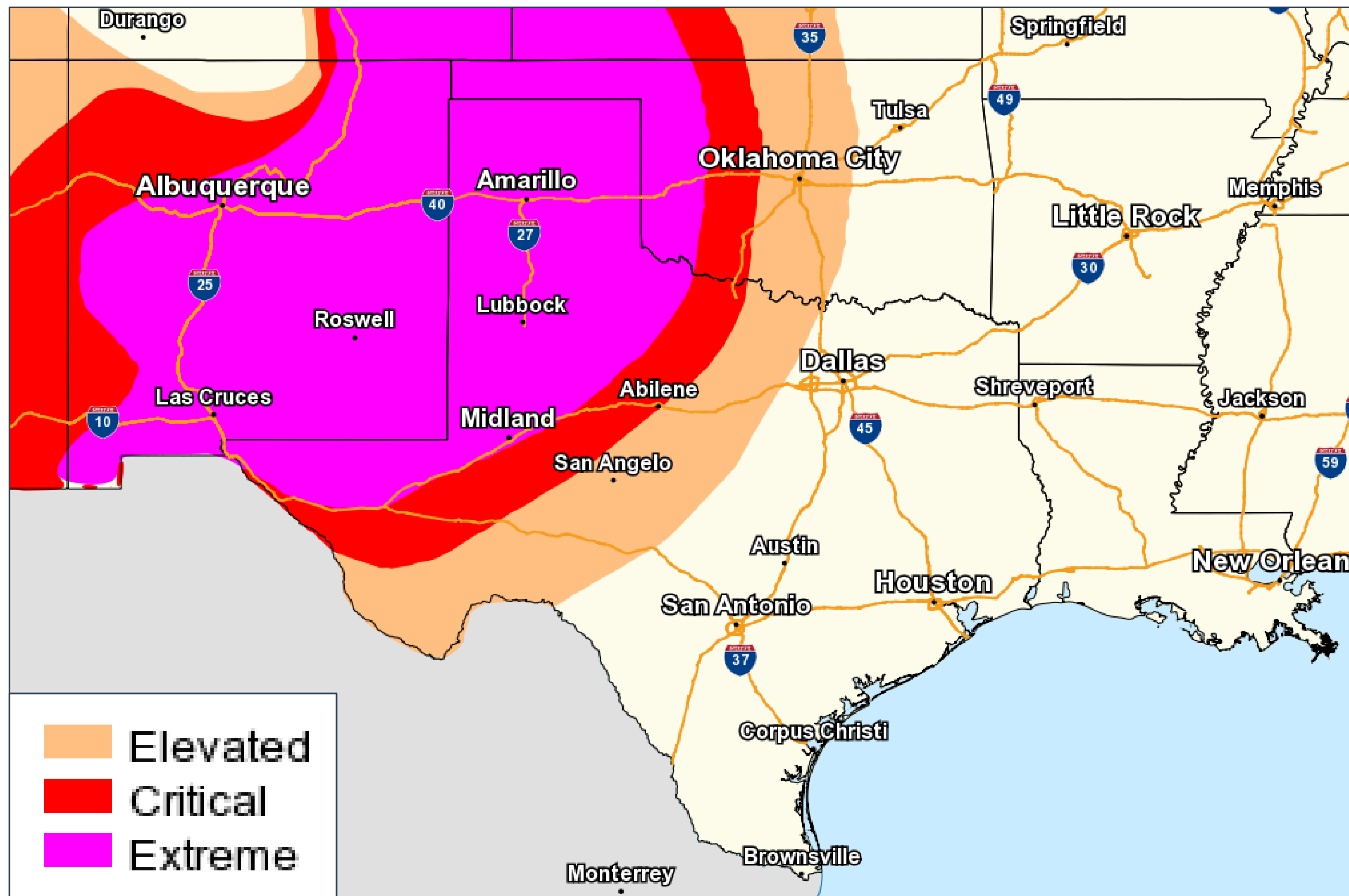




# Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Critical to Extremely Critical  
Fire Weather Conditions across  
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**Wildfire outbreak likely for the  
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threat for outbreak for E NM  
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# Tomorrow's Weather



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## Forecast Chart

## Forecast Rainfall

No Significant Weather  
expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook

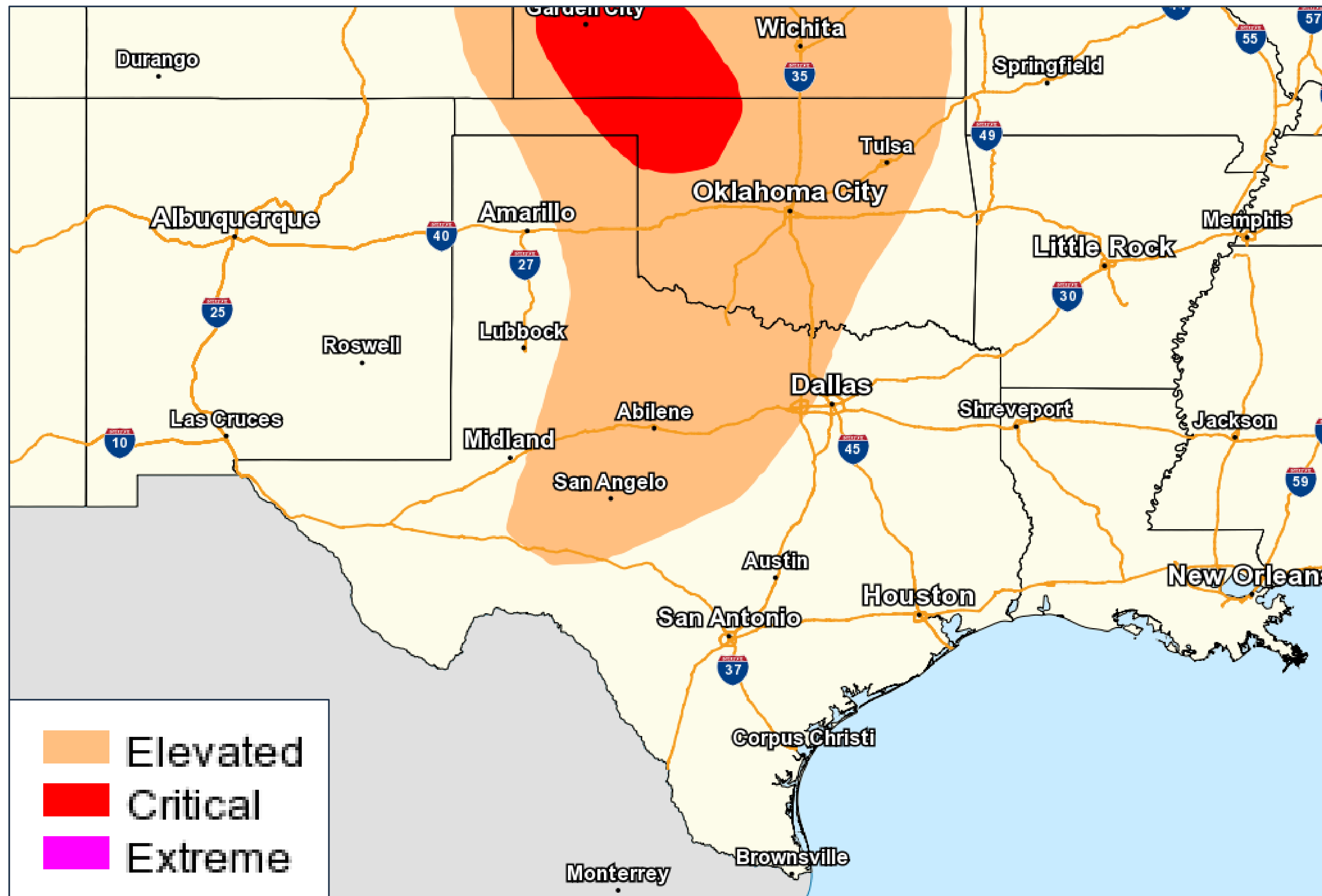
## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



# Tomorrow's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Critical Fire Weather  
Conditions over NW OK.**

**Elevated Fire Weather  
Conditions over OK into NW  
and W TX.**

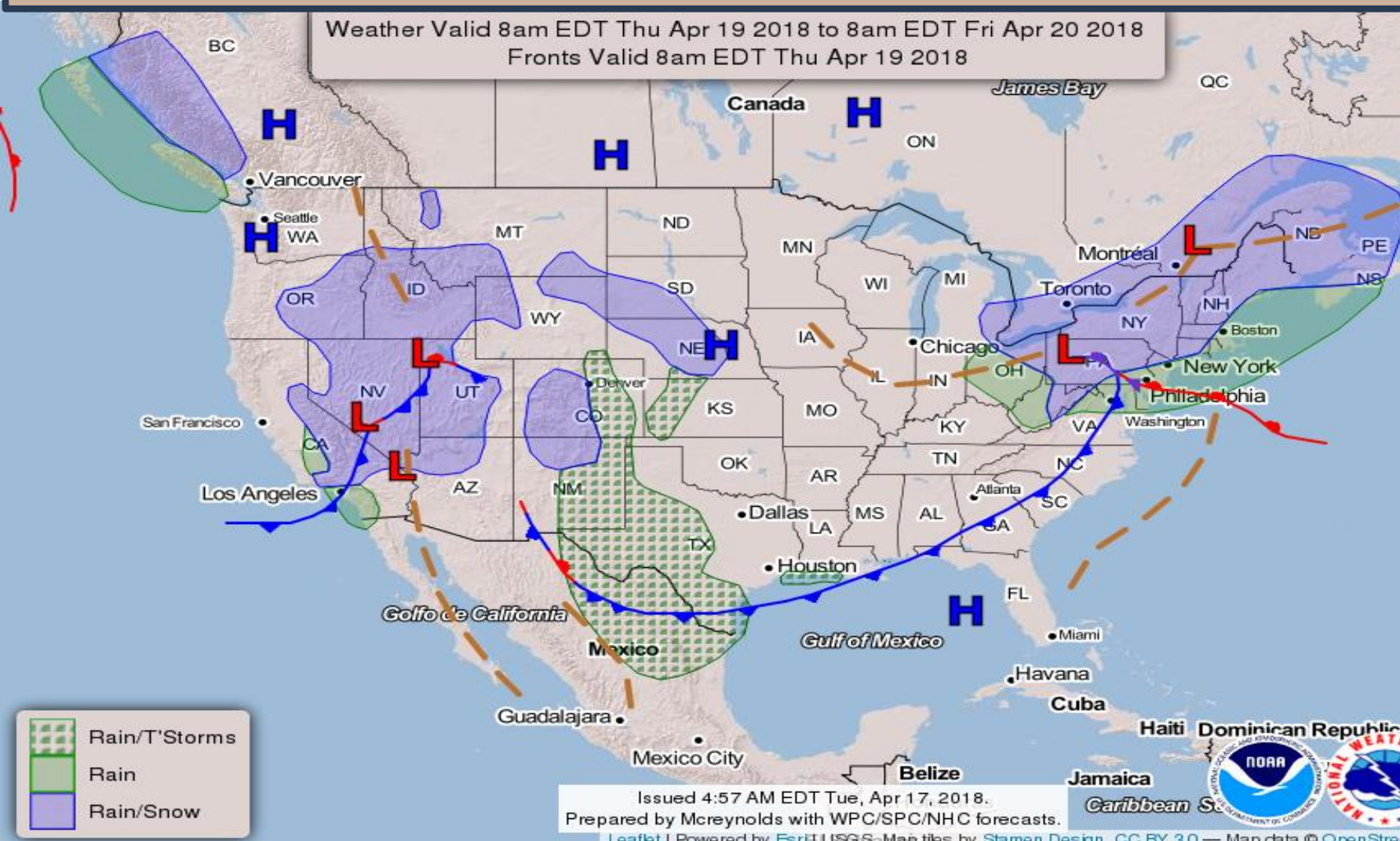


# Thursday's Weather

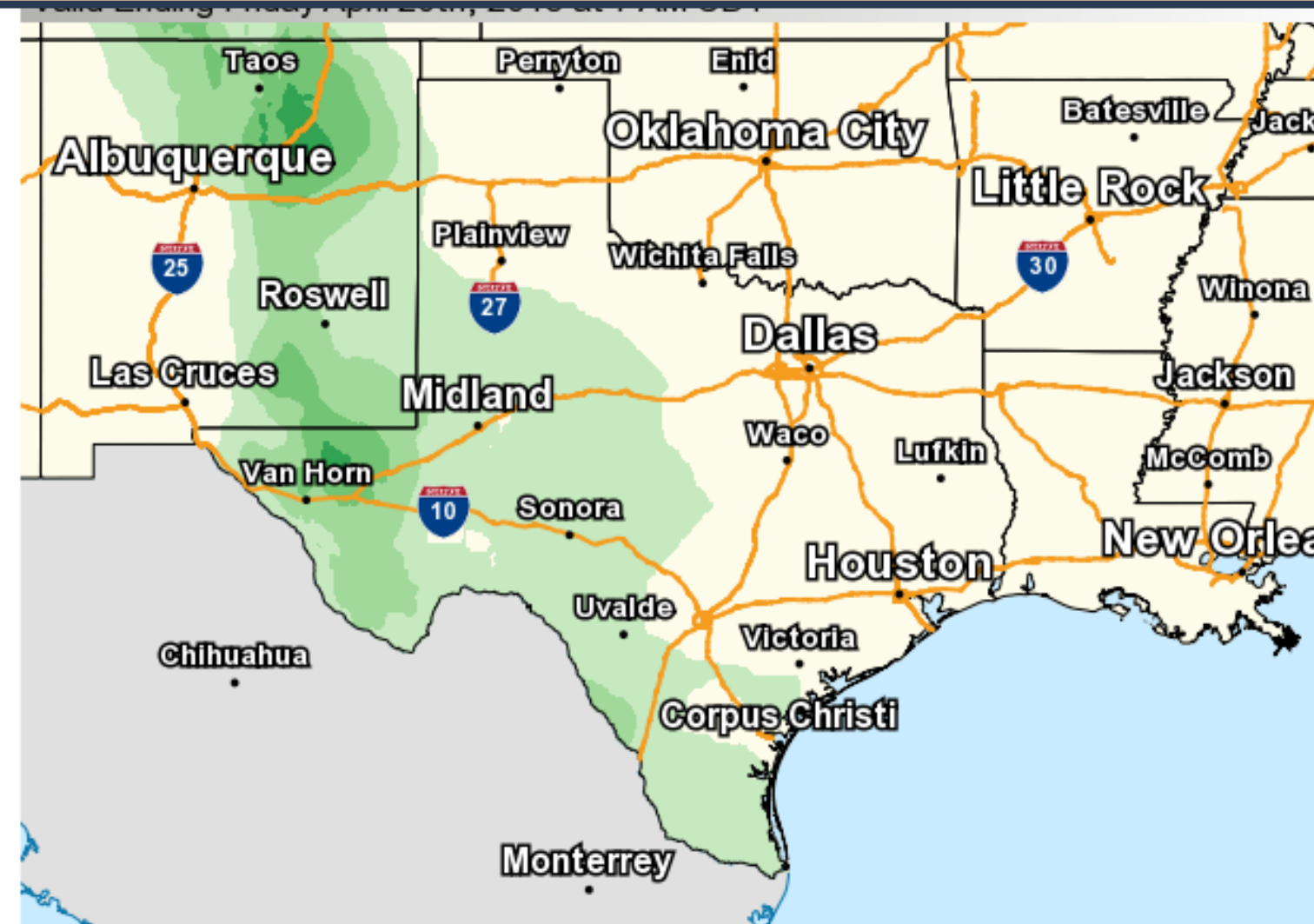
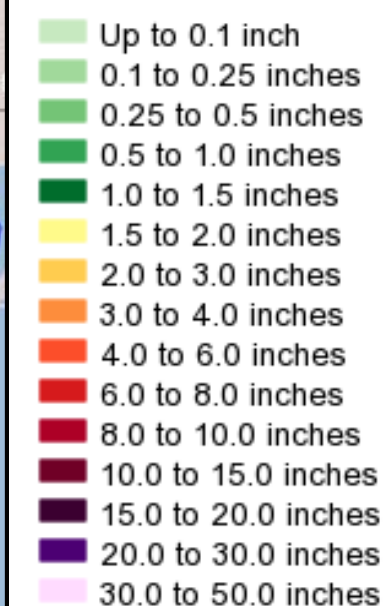


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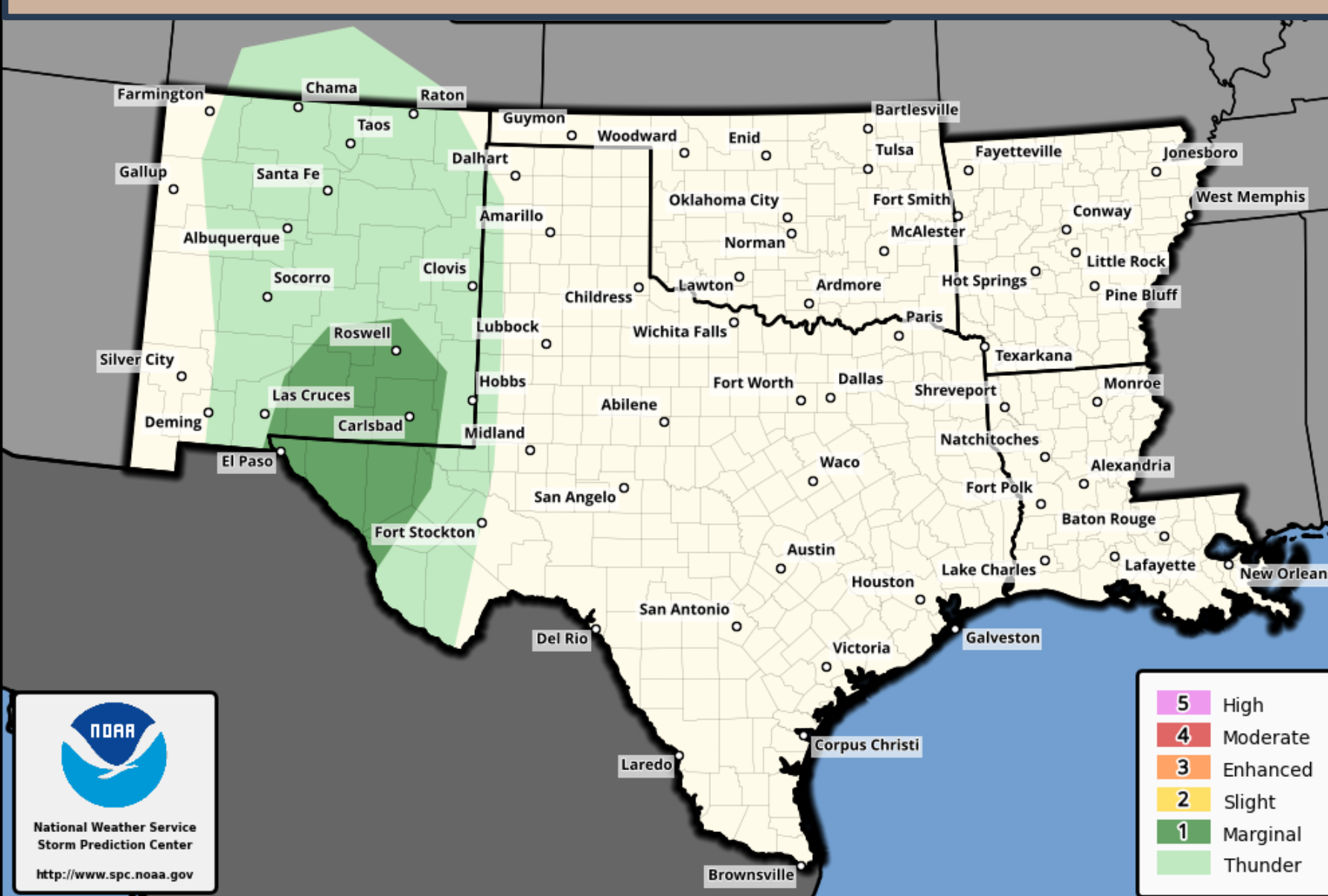


## Forecast Rainfall



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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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**Marginal Risk of strong to severe storms for SE NM into Far West TX.**

**Critical Fire Weather Conditions for Central and Western NM.**

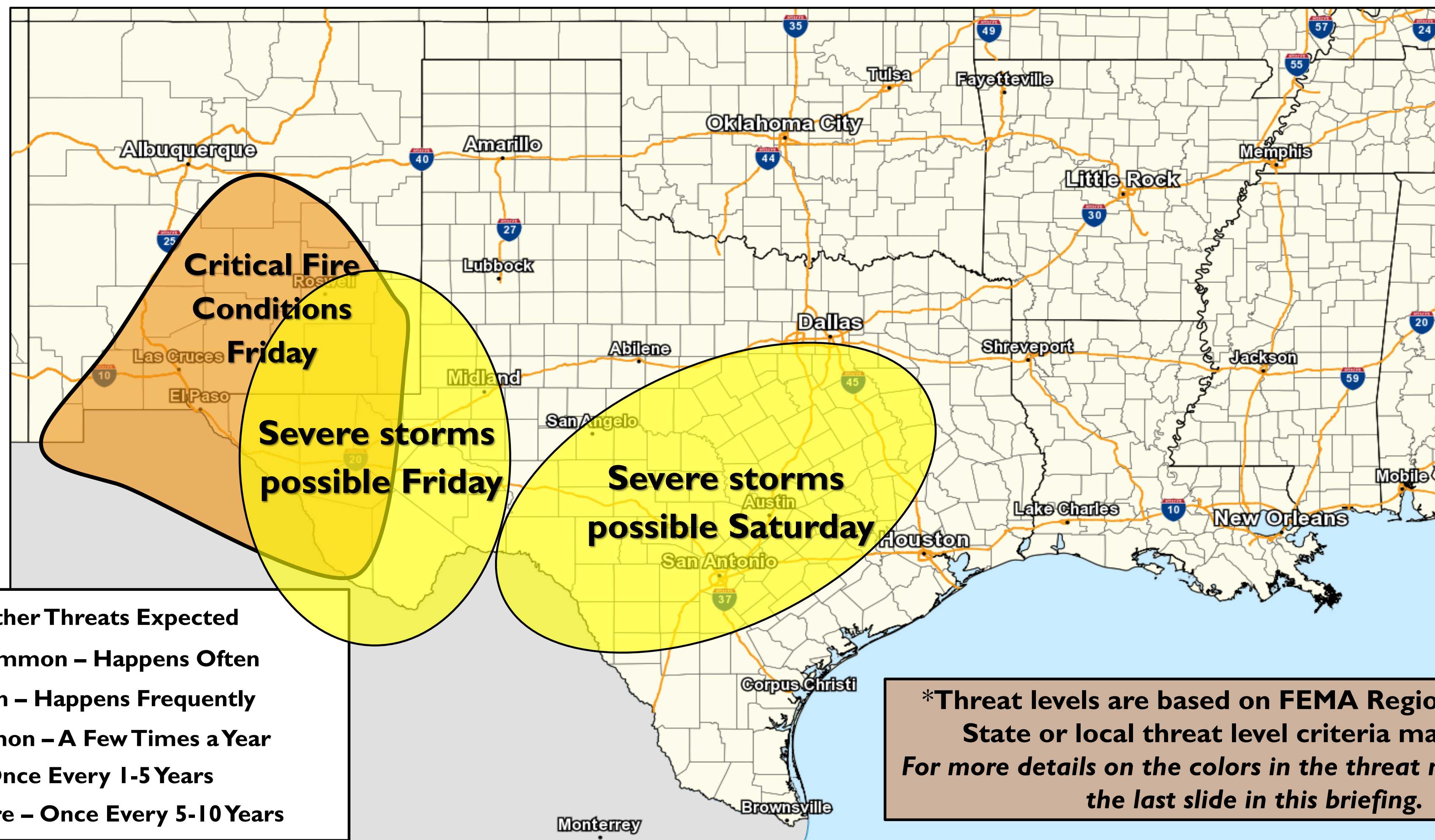


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday - Saturday



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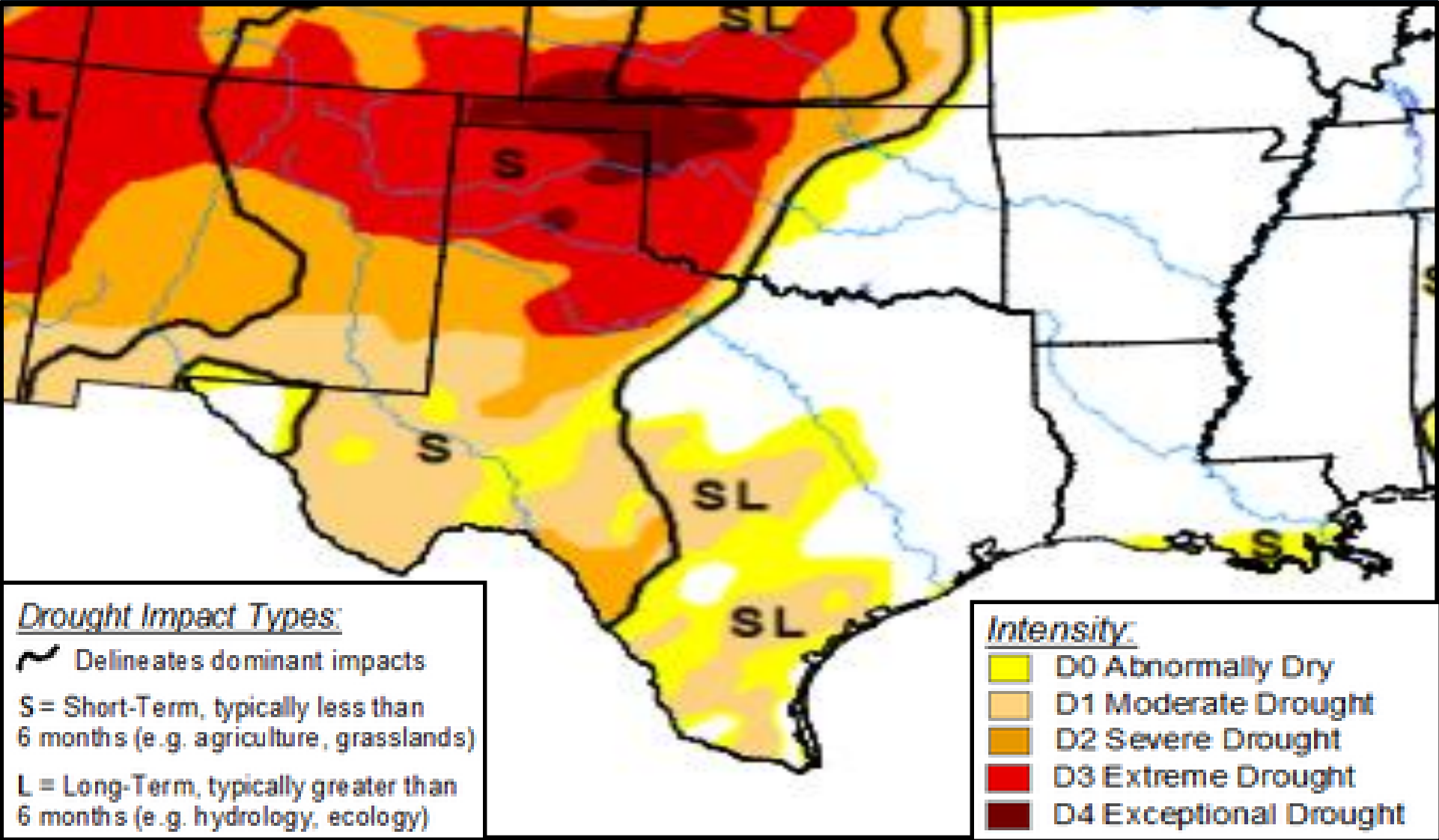
# Drought Monitor (Released Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018)



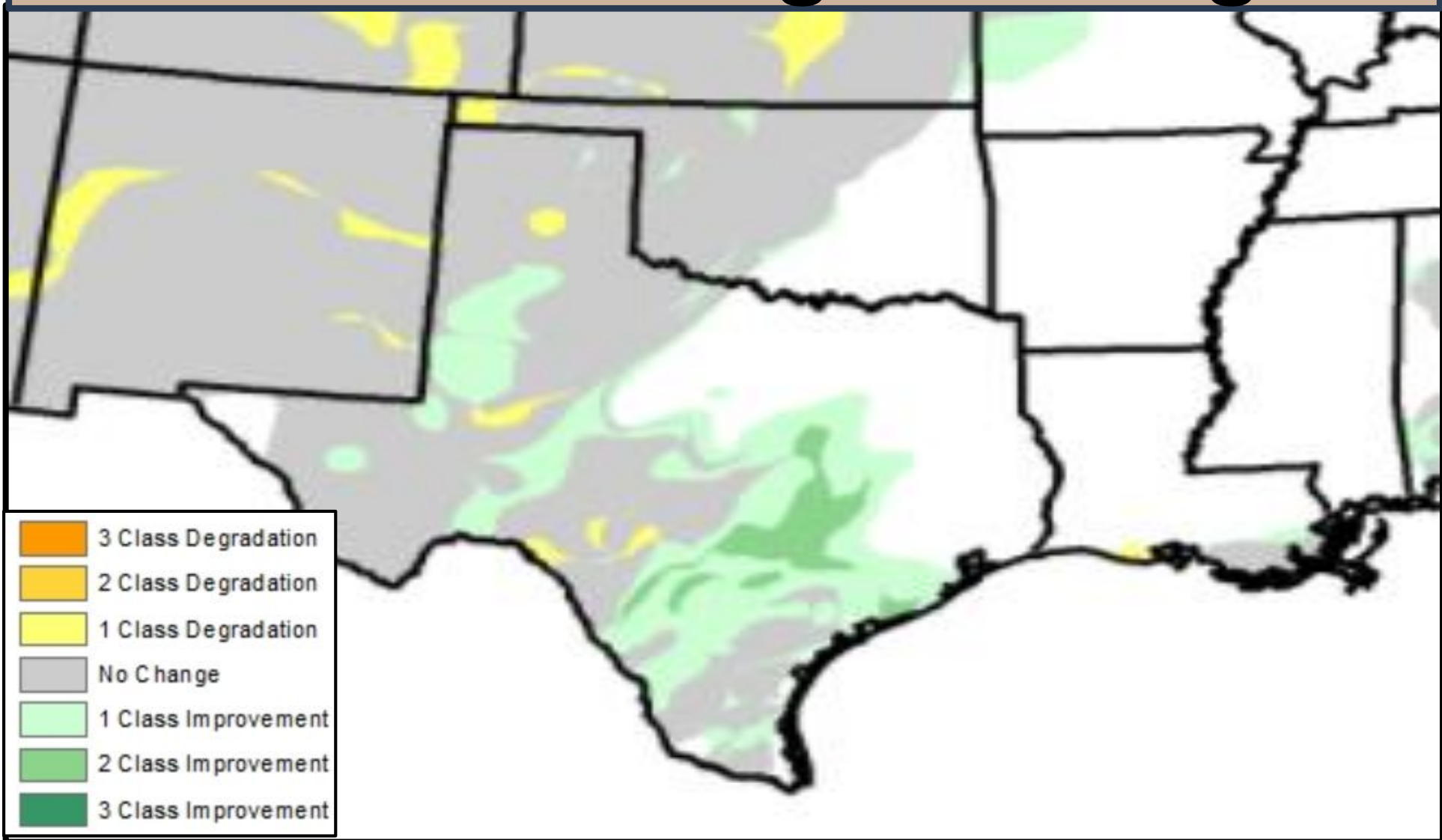
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Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday, April 10<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## Drought Monitor



## One Week Change in Drought



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)				
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.37%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	34.85%	34.85%	7.03%	0.00%
Texas	13.21%	13.21%	0.39%	0.00%
New Mexico	45.92%	38.87%	0.00%	0.00%

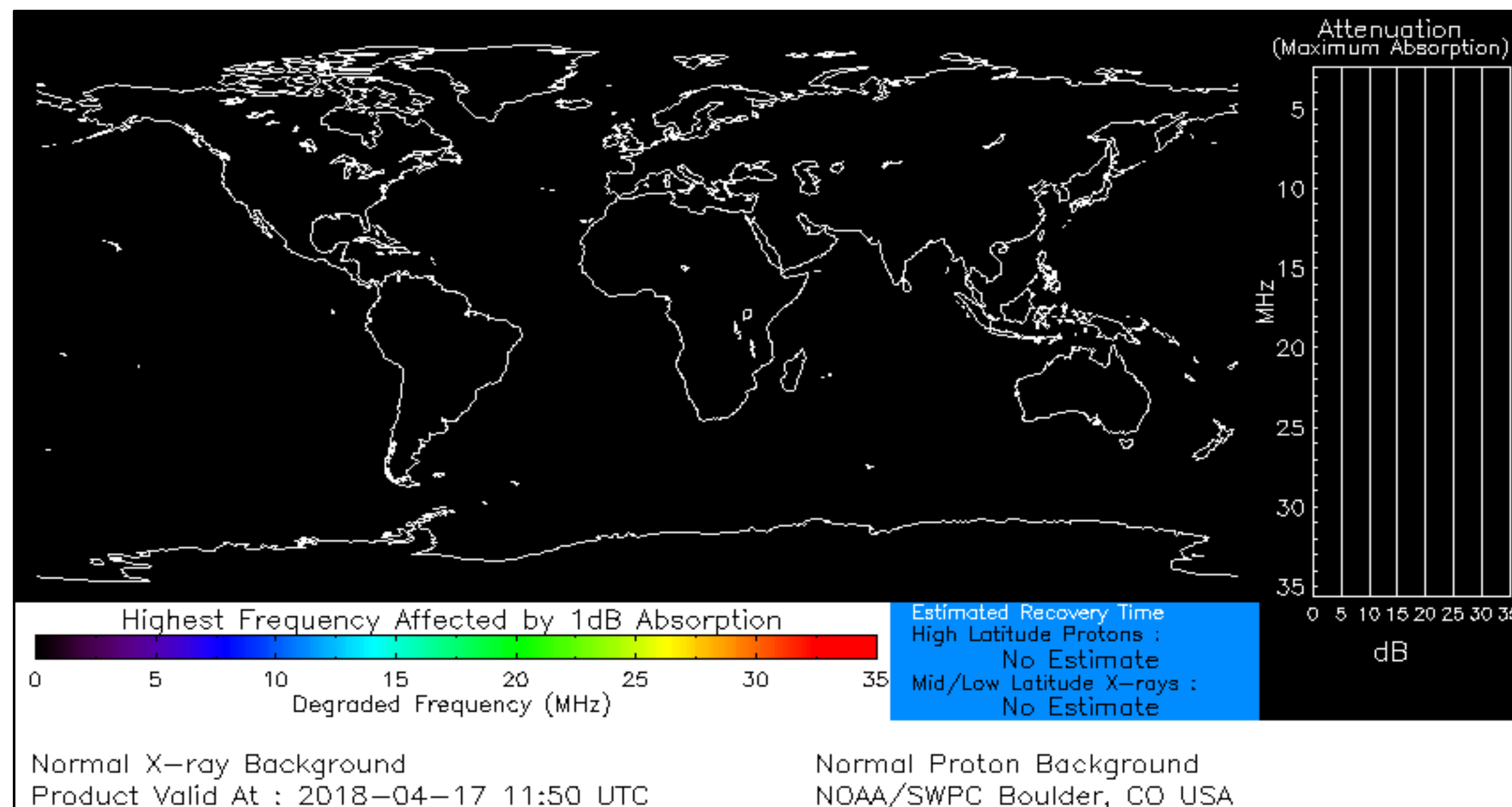


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



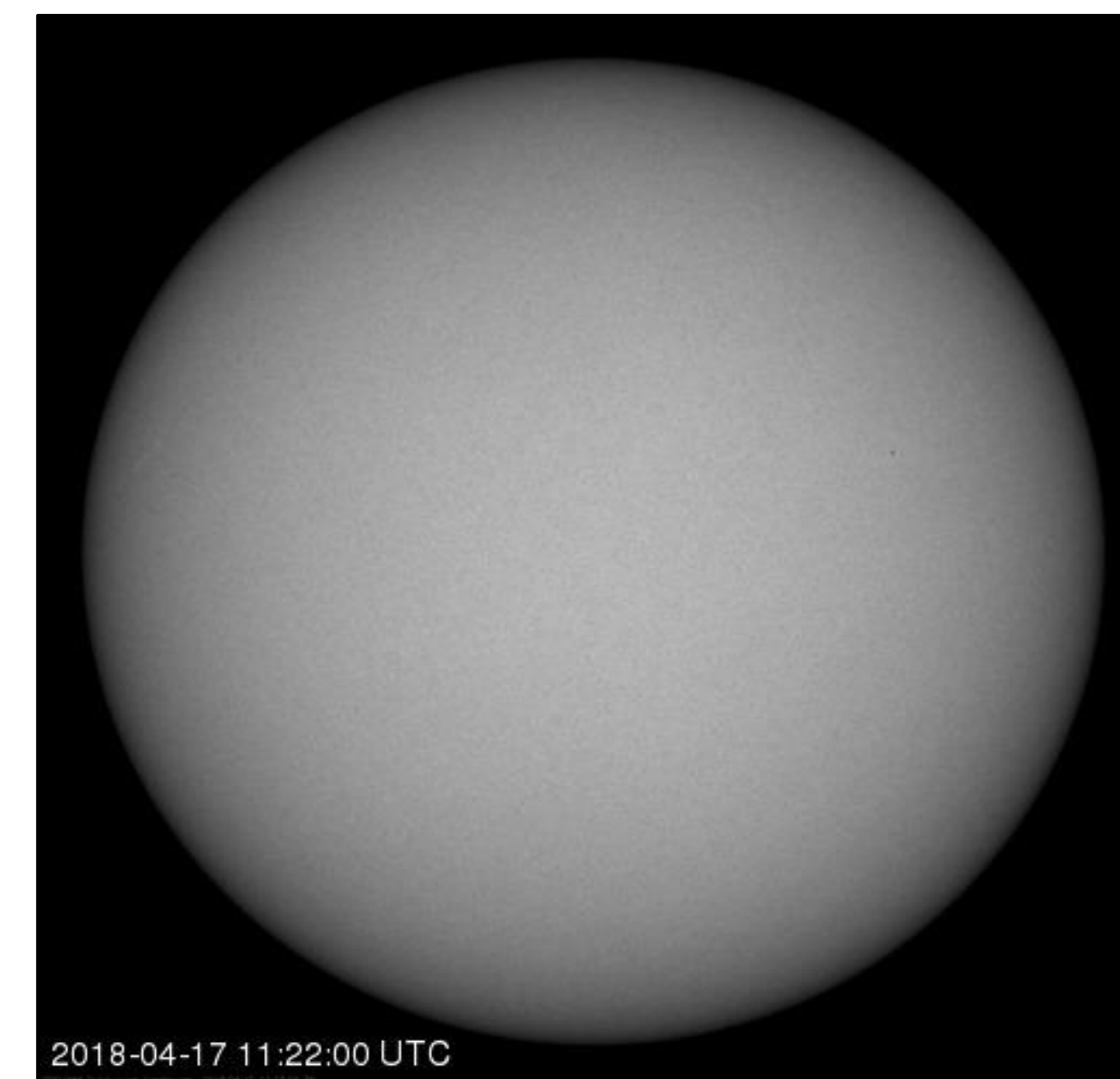
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Geomagnetic Storms</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet (Max Kp = 2)</b>	<b>Quiet to Active (Max Kp = 4)</b>
<b>Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R1-R2)</b>	1%	1%	1%
<b>Radio Blackout (R3-R5)</b>	1%	1%	1%



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Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather  
Forecast Text](#)







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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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